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Milan, January 17. *N. S.*

THEY write from Genoa, that Sir John Norris was arrived there from Port Mahon; and that an Expreſs had been ſent to inform him, that the Troops deſigned for Spain were marching towards Final. Ninety Men lately Condemn'd here to the Galleys have been ſent from hence to Genoa, in order to be tranſported to Barcelona, and we are buſie in Liſting Men, and raiſing Recruits for the Service. Our Letters of the 6th from Naples adviſe, that *Te Deum* had been Sung, and the Cannon fired there, on account of the late Victory obtain'd over the Enemy in Spain. The Viceroy has diſpoſed of all the vacant Governments in that Kingdom, and has had particular Regard on this Occaſion to ſuch as have been diſtinguiſh'd for their Zeal and Affection to the Houſe of Auſtria. His Excellency goes often in Perſon to the Arſenal, to encourage, by his Preſence, thoſe that are at Work there. They write from Rome of the 10th, that the Marquis de Prié had the Wedneſday before a long Audience of the Pope, in which he notified to his Holineſs the Declaration of the War between the Turks and Muſcovites; and that the Duke of Anjou's Adherents having propoſed to Sing *Te Deum*, and make other publick Rejoicings on account of the late Action in Spain, and the Partiſans of the Houſe of Auſtria having on the other hand declared that the Advantage was on their ſide, the Pope, in order to prevent the Conſequences of ſuch a Conteſt, has forbid the former to give any publick Demonſtrations of Joy on that pretence. Theſe Letters add, that two Memorials had been preſented to the Pope, with an authentick Certificate ſign'd by the Chriſtian Inhabitants in the Iſle of Scio, ſetting forth by way of Complaint, that the Jeſuits, Miſſionaries in the Archipelago, had permitted their Proſelytes to join in the exterior Worſhip of the Turks, provided they inwardly believed the Articles of the Chriſtian Faith, and adher'd to the Doctrines of the Church. Our Letters from Turin adviſe, that the Marquis de Suza, natural Son to the Duke of Savoy, was lately Inſtall'd Knight of the Order of St. Maurice. The Carnival begun the 10th Inſtant at Venice, but the appearance of Foreigners is not ſo great as uſual, by reaſon they are oblig'd to perform a Quarentine.

Bruſſels, January 29. *N. S.* The Advices we have lately receiv'd from France have been full of a great deal of affected Confuſion and Uncertainty, in relation to the March of Count Staremberg; but now they aſſure us from Paris, by Letters of the 26th, that that General was arrived at Balaguer with his Army, conſiſting of about ten thouſand Men, notwithſtanding the great Numbers he has been ſaid from time to time to have loſt in his Retreat, by Parties, by Surprize, and by Deſertion. Thoſe Advices add, that the Marſhal, after having put a ſtrong Garriſon into Balaguer, and given Orders for repairing the Fortifications, and providing as much as poſſible for the Security of that important Place, was advanced with the reſt of his Troops farther into Catalonia. Our laſt Letters from France make no mention of the Siege of Gironne; they have ſpoke with very great Doubtfulneſs of the Progreſs of that Siege ever ſince it began; and own, that the Baron de Iſſelbach, a Major-General in the Palatin Service, who is Governor of the Town, makes a very gallant Reſiſtance. We are likewiſe told, that the Miquelets, by their Excurſions, interrupt very much the Communication between the Army of the Duke of Noailles and Perpignan, and annoy the Enemy extremely; ſo that we have Reports, that having met with many and great Difficulties, they have at laſt been forced to turn the Siege into a Blockade; to which, beſides the vigorous Defence of the Garriſon, the want of Ammunition, and the Approach of Count Staremberg, are ſaid to have contributed. The Duke of Anjou was ſtill with his Court at Saragoſſa the 8th Inſtant, from whence they write, that the Duke of Vendome had ſent part of his Forces back towards Eſtremadura, and had ordered a Detachment to March towards Lerida. We have an Account publiſh'd here from Bilboa of the Battel fought the 10th of the laſt Month between Brihuega and Villaviciosa, which ſays, that Marſhal Staremberg's Army made ſuch a Slaughter of the Spaniards, that there were near ſeven thouſand left dead on the Spot; and we have a large Liſt of a great many Officers of Diſtinction in the Duke of Anjou's Service, which were killed, wounded or taken Priſoners in that bloody Action.

Hague, January 30. *N. S.* The Earl of Peterborough arrived here the 28th in the Evening; yeſterday he was in Conference with the Penſionary, ſince which he hath been viſited by all the Foreign Miniſters, and Perſons of Diſtinction in this Place, and propoſeth to ſet out for Vienna to Morrow in the Evening, or the next Morning. Letters of the 27th from Valenciennes adviſe, that Mareſchal Villars was not yet arrived on the Frontiers, having been detain'd by a ſlight Indiſpoſition, but that he was ſpeedily expected in thoſe Parts. The French Garriſons, that have for ſome time received their Pay more regularly than heretofore, begin again to ſuffer very much for want of Mony, they having been able to raiſe very little hitherto on the Credit of the Royal Tenth; inſomuch that ſome of the Troops in Valenciennes began to Mutiny, and attemped to Plunder the Treaſurer's Houſe during the Diſorder; but this being prevented in time, and a ſufficient

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